

Statement of Substance of Interview

[0003] Examiner Meyers and SPE Mooneyham graciously met with me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—on January 26, 2009 at the USPTO. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiners' willingness to discuss this matter. Such willingness is invaluable to each of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0004] During the interview, we discussed pending rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112, the Examiner's reliance on a Microsoft TechNet article in rejecting the claims under 102, and distinctions between the cited reference and the claims. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting prosecution, I also proposed several possible clarifying amendments.

[0005] I understood SPE Mooneyham to tentatively indicate that a forthcoming Office Action, if not a notice of allowance, should be non-final. Examiner Meyers was receptive to the discussion and suggested amendments to address § 101 concerns. The Examiner indicated that he would update his search upon receipt of this formal response.

[0006] Applicant herein amends the claims consistent with the discussion during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited art of record for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.